Construction of River Embankment in Orissa

5769. SHRI BASANT KUMAR DAS: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any master plan has been prepared for construction of river embankments in Orissa and is pending for clearance by Technical Advisory Committee of Central Water Commission; and

(b) if so, what are the proposals sent by Government of Orissa, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The Union Government has not received any Master Plan from the State of Orissa for construction of river embankments in that State. However, Government of Orissa has sent two major proposals for appraisal namely "Delta Development Plan, Mahanadi Delta Command Area" estimated at Rs. 600 crore in November, 1990 and "Raising and strengthening of flood embankments of Mahanadi river system below Naraj, Stages I & II estimated at Rs. 100 crore in September, 1993. The schemes were examined and recasting of the first scheme, including fixing priorities amongst its various components and updating the price was suggested to the Government of Orissa in March, 1991. Modification of the second scheme was suggested in December, 1994. Response from the state is awaited for both the schemes.

Cauvery water

5770. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the present stage of Cauvery water dispute; and

(b) the time by which the Cauvery water dispute tribunal is likely to submit its final report?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The basin States of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala and the Union Territory of Pondicherry have presented their cases before the Tribunal. The Tribunal has taken up cross examination of witnesses. So far cross examination of 6 (Six) witnesses on behalf of the State of Tamil Nadu has been concluded by all the party-states. Next date for recording deposition of 7th witness on behalf of the State of Tamil Nadu is 1st June, 1995.

(b) No time frame can be given for the submission of final report by the Tribunal.

Clearance of irrigation projects of Gujarat

5771. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of short term and long term project for getting water for irrigation and drinking purposes through various sources in Gujarat States;

(b) how many of these schemes have been cleared for implementation with date of their clearance in each case; and

(c) the reasons for not clearing the remaining schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Details of new major & medium projects of Gujarat envisaging irrigation and drinking water supply are given in the statement enclosed. *(See* below)

(b) The details of new major and medium irrigation projects of Gujarat which have been accorded investment clearance by the Planning Commission during the last three years are as under:—